

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: the train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:25:36 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Astrida Apse [mailto:starapse@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:00 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** the train

My husband and I are looking forward (and its coming is one of the reasons we moved to Brunswick)to the train. I think it will be invaluable for residents wishing to travel but not drive to various locations. I also think that students will be drawn to an area where there is such access--several applicants to Bowdoin are counting on it. Please don't let this marvelous opportunity for growth slip by! Sincerely yours, Astrida Apse 2 Fiddlehead Fern Trail, Botany Place, Brunswick 373-1718

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:00:26 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** kspaulding@girihotels.com [mailto:kspaulding@girihotels.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:44 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train

I support the Downeaster coming to Brunswick. I think it could help jump start that economy. There is no doubt that the economy is hurting. Please let's bring it to Brunswick. It certainly helped Saco, OOB area when it came there!! It brings tourists! We desperately need tourists visiting Brunswick and the Islands and surrounding areas!!!

Karen Spaulding, CHRM  
Revenue Manager  
Giri Hotels  
[kspaulding@girihotels.com](mailto:kspaulding@girihotels.com)  
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[Comfort Inn Civic Center](#)  
[Econo Lodge Freeport](#)  
[The Parkwood Inn Brunswick](#)

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: train

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:34:20 AM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Judy Kamin [mailto:Judnimak@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 5:30 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** train

Dear Town Council members, There was trouble with my server and I just got the e-mail stating people should contact you about the train before 4 p.m. It is now 5:30.

I am VERY much in favor of the train coming to Brunswick. It will be a step backwards if we do not have the train here.

Please do everything in your power to see that it happens . And that it happens SOON!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Kamin

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:32:08 AM EST

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**From:** Judy Segal [mailto:jlsegal@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 4:09 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train

I would like to express my interest in and support of having train service between Brunswick and Boston. We currently drive to Portland to take the train - we would much prefer leaving from Brunswick, and having an alternate transportation choice for people.

Thank you.

Judy Segal

10 Sparwell Lane  
Brunswick, ME. 04011

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: train

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:35:29 AM EST

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**From:** mark royall [mailto:royphoto@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 6:05 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** train

All the stages are set and paid for to have the Downeaster to come to Brunswick. It will surely be an accelerate for business in Brunswick.. DO NOT delay or put it off. If you can build a new police station and two new schools what is the problem? Mark Royall ... a Brunswick business owner for 38 years!

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 4:05:08 PM EST

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**From:** patfarris1@comcast.net [mailto:patfarris1@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 3:52 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

I strongly support the downeaster coming to Brunswick.

Sent from my Kindle Fire

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:25:15 PM EST

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**From:** Inbox Marketing [mailto:sally@inboxmktg.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:59 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

Dear Councilors,

I am writing in support of the Downeaster train service to Brunswick. I know that I will personally use the train and have relatives and friends in Boston that have expressed excitement about the new service to Brunswick. I think the train will be great for Brunswick and is a necessary transportation option both now and in the future.

Sally Loving  
21 Chamberlain Ave.  
Brunswick, ME 04011

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW:

Date: November 30, 2011 8:02:20 AM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Debbie Atwood <DRAtwood@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: benetpols@myfairpoint.net [mailto:r-4526458-3368-043AB522806049D38DBA68ABCC9F8891@bcast.boston.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 7:12 AM

To: Town Council

Subject:

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The following appeared on Bostonglobe.com:

Headline:

Date: Nov 30, 2011

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To see this recommendation, click on the link below or cut and paste it into a Web browser:

[http://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/travel/2011/11/30/brunswick-maine-doesn-feel-like-tourist-town/CQhTGc0V8ZSisk0GYEXHZI/story.html?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/travel/2011/11/30/brunswick-maine-doesn-feel-like-tourist-town/CQhTGc0V8ZSisk0GYEXHZI/story.html?s_campaign=8315)

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**Subject:** FW: The DownEaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 4:05:36 PM EST

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**From:** Arthur Mary [mailto:amary@ghi.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 3:58 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** The DownEaster

Town Council members:

I am emailing you to voice my support for the upcoming AMTRAK service to Brunswick. We live in Freeport and do a good bit of our shopping and discretionary income spending in downtown Brunswick. We are looking forward to using the train rather than driving between Freeport and Brunswick whenever possible.

Arthur & Charlotte Mary  
Freeport

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:23:25 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Joanne Bollinger [mailto:joannebollinger@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:40 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train

Please include me as a strong supporter of the Downeaster coming to Brunswick. Not only will I and many of my friends take advantage of its convenience, our town will benefit businesswise and culturally. The environment has to be a consideration as well: Taking cars off the road must become a priority. Let Brunswick be known as a community that cares about these things and we will attract new residents and visitors.

Joanne Bollinger

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: train

Date: February 27, 2012 12:26:11 PM EST

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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Harrison [mailto:paul@littledogcoffeeshop.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 11:14 AM

To: Town Council

Cc: BDA Director

Subject: train

I support the train coming to Brunswick. Please vote in favor of the train. Thanks, Paul  
Paul Harrison  
the Little Dog Coffee Shop  
87 Maine St.  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
paul@littledogcoffeeshop.com  
phone - 207-721-9500  
cell - 207-232-4458

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**From:** Jada Clement [mailto:jada@coolasamoose.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:00 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Cc:** Melissa Grillo; Kip Stone

**Subject:** Downeaster

We at Cool As A Moose support the Downeaster coming to Brunswick! We believe that it would be a great way to increase tourism and generate business in Brunswick. Melissa Grillo, Cool As A Moose's Brunswick Store Manager, will be the point person for our involvement with this project so please feel free to contact her with meeting dates and schedules!

Thanks!

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Jada Clement

Sales Manager

**Cool As A Moose**

**207-373-9938**

[jada@coolasamoose.com](mailto:jada@coolasamoose.com)

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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** carol sockloff [mailto:mamasock@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:55 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:**

Hello all

Just wanted to lend my strong support for the Downeaster. I am hoping it will not be long before we have the five daily trips scheduled. For folks to visit us, and for us to get easily to Boston, it's very important. This should really put us on the map.

Carol Sockloff  
Botany Place

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Amtrak connection

Date: February 27, 2012 3:43:08 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann D'Alessio [mailto:interiors5@earthlink.net]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:32 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Amtrak connection

To Whom It May Concern,

What's to debate, the prelim work is done, businessess have been built upon the premise that Amtrak was coming, the cost of gasoline is on the rise! We need to tie into Amtrak before the price increases and opportunities are lost. Please don't delay, vote for progress and connect us to Amtrak. Keep us in touch with the present!

Ann L. D'Alessio  
39 McLellan St.  
Brunswick, ME

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Yes to the train!!

**Date:** February 27, 2012 3:26:43 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Christine Macchi [mailto:fiberarts@gwi.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 3:22 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Yes to the train!!

Dear Town Councilors,

Having trains come to Brunswick would be a huge boon to our town. I personally travel to Boston by taking the train or bus from Portland, and would relish the opportunity to travel from Brunswick. I often go on to New York to visit family in New Jersey. Trains would also be a boon to our business—a statewide nonprofit based in Topsham. Because of our Tour Map to Studios and Farms, our gallery shows, and our networking center, we regularly attract and receive visitors from out of state. Many have come and would continue to come from Boston or points south to enjoy a weekend in picturesque Brunswick, or to rent a car once here to travel around the State. Four million people each year visit Freeport. If we could just develop more attractions in the Brunswick/Bath/Topsham region, more would come to us. Trains coming into Brunswick would provide the incentives for hotels, bus rentals, art events and more. We already have great dining.

Please continue efforts to bring the Downeaster to Brunswick, and to connect with trains from Rockland. As gas prices go up, trains will only enjoy greater usage.

Christine

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Christine Macchi  
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*"The Art of the Needle," needlework tapestries by Jill Vendituoli on view Feb. 1-April 28.  
Reception/gallery talk: Sunday, March 4, 2-5 p.m. (snow date: March 18).*

*Sign up for your free listing in our online Maine Fiber Resource Guide at [www.maineiberarts.org](http://www.maineiberarts.org).  
(See "Fiber Web Resources").*

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster Support

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:32:31 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** CarlScheffy@aol.com [mailto:CarlScheffy@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:27 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Cc:** webmaster@trainridersne.org

**Subject:** Downeaster Support

To Brunswick Town Councilors:

As a five year(+) volunteer host aboard the Downeaster , I would be at a loss to try to count up the positive feedback from passengers concerning the extension of the Downeaster's schedule from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick. I host approximately every two weeks or so. There is NEVER a trip but that I am not asked about WHEN that service is to begin. Passengers who drive down from northern parts would be able to cut their driving time and board in Brunswick. Of course the attractions in Freeport is a given! From my experience, I have seen much interest and support from passengers on my host runs.

Very truly yours,

Carl Scheffy



**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: The Downeaster  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:21:10 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** john/margie briley [mailto:mjbriley@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:21 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** The Downeaster

Dear Council members:

As Interim Executive Director of the Pejepscot Historical Society, President of the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens and area resident, I would like to register my support for getting the Downeaster into Brunswick.

The benefits to downtown businesses, cultural attractions and the community as a whole would be terrific through purchases made and taxes paid by passengers visiting the area and by the railroad itself. It would provide jobs. It would provide an easy way to travel to Portland or Boston and back without the hassle and stress of driving through traffic and finding parking. Especially in this time of rising gasoline prices, having this mode of public transportation to get us to Portland, Boston and beyond would be of great service to many.

I strongly urge Council to support the efforts to bring the Downeaster to Brunswick.

Sincerely,

John B. Briley  
President, Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens  
Interim Executive Director, Pejepscot Historical Society

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: The Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:01:38 PM EST

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**From:** William Lord [mailto:wlord@solarhouse.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:55 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** The Downeaster

The Downeaster will drive Brunswick growth. Please stay 'on board.'

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William Lord  
[Maine Solar House](#)

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: travel from MD

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:01:05 PM EST

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**From:** Cecilia Herman [mailto:CHerman@oah.state.md.us]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:53 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** travel from MD

I visit my sisters in Brownfield & Bridgton Maine from Maryland. The stretch on the train I take is to Boston, then it is a bus to Portland. Returning, the possibility of catching the train rather than the bus from Portland doesn't happen for me because the early hour accommodation doesn't fit in with the distance of an hour away ride for my brother-in-law. I'm watching all the time e-mail messages to see improvements in connections that would be beneficial for my trips.

Cecilia Muth Herman  
111 Regent Drive  
Bel Air, MD 21014

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:20:04 PM EST

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**From:** valarie\_a\_coolong@keybank.com [mailto:valarie\_a\_coolong@keybank.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 9:54 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train

Hi There,

Thank you for your commitment to our area and for the hard work you are doing around the efforts to bring the train to Brunswick.

I believe the train can be a vital part of the success to Brunswick and consider this opportunity to be very important.

Thank you,

Valarie A. Coolong, Vice President  
Business Banking, KeyBank NA  
PH: (207) 729-2627  
C: (207) 350-6469

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**Subject:** FW: Comments

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:36:31 AM EST

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**From:** eknox55@comcast.net [mailto:eknox55@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:02 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Comments

Dear Councilors,

I was committed to honoring the Chair's intention to restrain testimony tonight to the topic of 'the letter'. For that reason I did not provide these thoughts - all of them intended to correct distortions promulgated by the opponents of the layover facility (see below). Those opponents can thank their lucky stars for the diligence and professionalism of Patricia Quinn and NNEPRA. In spite of neighbor's multiple untruths and downright rudeness the neighborhood will be well served by NNEPRA's unfailingly high standards.

I think you will also want to avail yourselves of the economic analysis in this study:

<http://www.cnt.org/repository/Downeaster%20Projected%20Benefits-FINAL.pdf>

I do wish the Council had been unanimous in rejecting 'the letter'.

Claudia Knox  
721-0141

My goal tonight is to correct misleading claims in media and on line portrayals of the layover facility at Brunswick West. I hope this will be useful to the Town Council and comforting to abutters.

1. Will the layover facility be 'Walmart sized'? Not even close. The national average size of a Walmart is 108,000 sq. ft. Average Super Walmarks are 185,000 sq. ft. At 60,000 sq ft the layover garage will be slightly over half the footprint of a normal Walmart.
2. Will train horns awaken sleepers multiple times each night? Not in your wildest dreams. Horns will NOT sound as trains resume motion if they have paused to be switched onto the slips to the garage. Yard rules will mandate that switches be preset so that no pauses are required. But even if the three switches did require a pause, no horn would disturb night-time quiet. You should know the switches make no more noise than when you set your coffee cup down. You should know that a train horn is not like your car horn, which has one volume only. Train horns are finely calibrated and can be tested inside the facility prior to the morning run at a volume barely above a quiet conversation. You should know that Brunswick and NNEPRA officials familiar with Federal Rail Authority requirements, anticipate a favorable ruling when the Town applies for a 'quiet zone - that's a no horns zone - at the Church Road, Stanwood Street, and Union Street crossings.

Sweet dreams Brunswick. Sleep well.

3. Is the layover facility in Brunswick a 'last minute' idea? Not at all. On January 28, 2010, NNEPRA received a \$35 million stimulus grant for its 'shovel ready' project to replace jointed rails with continuous welded rails throughout the Down Easter run from Boston to Portland and its extended run to Brunswick. These rails enable quieter train operation with minimum vibration while also decreasing travel time. A 2008 study by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, CNT, projected that extension of passenger service from Portland through Freeport to Brunswick could generate \$7 billion in construction benefits and a \$55 million annual increase in state tax revenues by 2030 as a result of Transit Oriented Development – the most sustainable and green sort of growth.
4. Is the increase from 3 daily trips to 5 daily trips to Brunswick uncertain and far away? Not really. It is true that rail capacity must be increased by building sidings and parallel tracks in the Boston to Brunswick corridor. It is also true that negotiations and planning for these are relatively complete. They are nearly shovel ready. You should know that all major transportation projects are built in component parts. It's true of highways and it's true of railways. The layover facility is one of the component parts and is integral to plans for full service to Brunswick. Full service could become available as early as 2014.

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**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:23:13 PM EST

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**From:** jbmason225@comcast.net [mailto:jbmason225@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:37 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

Dear Councilors-

As a regular volunteer at the Visitors Center, I have shared many conversations with visitors to the town as well as residents. This is an unscientific poll, but I can assure you there is significant interest in seeing the train service coming into fruition. Especially, people considering moving to Brunswick/the area, have heightened interest in having access to such a rail service. Given the exit of BNAS and the number of store closings around town, the Downeaster could be a shot-in-the-arm for potential revitalization. I enthusiastically support the opening of the train at Station Avenue.

Bill Mason     3 Beech Drive, Brunswick

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW:

**Date:** February 27, 2012 4:06:12 PM EST

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**From:** blackphlye@hotmail.com [mailto:blackphlye@hotmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Arnold Besier

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 4:00 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:**

Dear Councilors:

As Harpswell residents, we've been looking forward to the Downeaster's arrival in Brunswick and have been concerned about the controversy over the proposed maintenance center.

The rail line was in operation long before any of these residents moved in. They could and should have considered the potential impact it would have on their property in the event the line became more active. That they did not, or did and dismissed it is not NNEPRA's fault nor is it the fault of the Town of Brunswick. NNEPRA has promised to take residents' concerns into account and take reasonable steps to accomodate them.

While their fears may be understandable, their concerns should not be cause for delaying or in any way compromising the start of this project. The service is important both to the economy of the area as well as those of us who desire to support the Downeaster. We'd like to urge you to consider the greater good and voice your full support for the plan outlined by NNEPRA.

Ann and Arnold Besier  
1861 Harpswell Neck Rd  
Harpswell



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From: interiors1@earthlink.net [mailto:interiors1@earthlink.net]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:11 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Amtrak connection


To Whom It May Concern,

YES; what are we waiting for, why has all this preparatory work been done to balk now! Let's get connected and take advantage. Look where gas prices are going. Let's link up to the Amtrak system before it ends up costing us more! Let's bring money INTO Brunswick by finishing the job!

Antonio E. D'Alessio

39 McLellan ST.

Brunswick

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

**Subject:** FW: keep the train coming!

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:13:26 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brillant <kbrillant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Bonnye Sensenig [mailto:bonnye@bekinc.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:13 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** keep the train coming!

To all of my Brunswick Town Councilors-

I want to express my GREAT anticipation of the start of train service from Brunswick to Freeport, Portland and Beyond! As a long time Brunswick resident, and employee of a Brunswick business, I can only foresee great things when I hear about the train coming. We have employees who could benefit from the ride from Portland to Brunswick, and many clients we would like to visit, and a train ride lets us work and travel, so could certainly help our business!

I also support the train for personal reasons, I love going to see music in Portland at the state theater and port city music hall- having a safe train ride home would make it much easier for my friends and I to go have fun in Portland without driving home!!!! And my daughter would love train rides to the children's museum! I can't WAIT for the train!!!!!! (and better slots for times!)

Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Bonnye Sensenig



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**Subject:** FW: Train to Brunswick  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:56:08 PM EST  
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**From:** Lisa Buthlay [mailto:lisabuthlay@remax-riverside-maine.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:18 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Train to Brunswick

Dear Town Council,  
I support the train coming into Brunswick 100%! As a realtor, I see the train as a wonderful option for people thinking about coming to live in our area. If you ask 10 people if they like to drive into Boston, you'll most likely get 8 out of those 10 who say "NO!" We are used to a gentle way of life here in Maine, which is why we're here! Driving in Boston, your nerves are a wreck, and everyone down there is on Screech!! The train is an option many would use, to avoid all of the above.  
Our town is also chosen by many retirees as their home. They have no desire to drive to Boston, but wouldn't it be great to be able to advertise to those who are thinking about Brunswick, that the train to Boston and beyond originates right here!! It rounds out Brunswick as one of the nicest places to live!! Please send along my support for the train coming to Brunswick.

Thank you,  
Lisa Buthlay  
RE/MAX Riverside  
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7 Quarry Rd.  
Brunswick, ME

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: support for the Downeaster  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:51:06 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Dodie Martinson [mailto:dmartins@bowdoin.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:08 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** support for the Downeaster

Greetings.

I'm lending my voice to those in support of train service between Brunswick and Portland. It's vitally important to have an alternative, affordable, green, and convenient means of transportation from north of Portland to Portland and points south and west. My family does and will continue to use the Downeaster. I know that many Bowdoin students and possibly their families will use this method of transportation since it will be so very convenient and easy to begin or end a trip right down the hill from the campus. Please do all you can to move forward with the plan to have the Downeaster extended to Brunswick. It can only help Brunswick in positive ways! Thank you.

Dorothy Martinson  
38 Boody Street  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: support for train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:50:25 PM EST

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**From:** Jon Brandon [mailto:jon@eastpointconservation.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 12:54 PM


**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** support for train

I have been made aware that the town council wants to know if there is community/business support for train service in Brunswick. I would like to express my strong desire to bring passenger train service to Brunswick. As a business owner and local resident, I believe the quality of life and commercial activity will only be improved (substantially) by having regular train service to Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Brandon  
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From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

Subject: FW: amtrak

Date: February 27, 2012 12:22:05 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** catherine carty-wilbur [mailto:catherine@wilburs.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:26 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** amtrak

Hello, I am the owner of a downtown business: Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections. I do support anything that the town can do to encourage the Downeaster to continue to increase traffic into the town of Brunswick. I can look over daily receipts in the summer and know which dates the train came through as there is a significant increase in revenue on those days.

I know some folks in Brunswick are opposed to an increase in Amtrack traffic and all that it entails and I do completely understand their reasons. However, if downtown Brunswick is to thrive it needs all the support it can gather.

Thank you, Catherine Carty-Wilbur

catherine carty-wilbur

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From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Down Easter rail service

Date: February 28, 2012 10:17:40 AM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Chamberlain [mailto:cwoff1201@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 9:45 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Down Easter rail service

To the Brunswick Council members,

I attended tonight's meeting to express my strong support for the train service to Boston.

I am sorry that I was confused as to the specific purpose of the time devoted to the Down Easter issue to be discussed this evening, and I felt that my comments would not have been appropriate to "the letter."

I did, however, learn a great deal tonight and believe that, from a practical point of view, having a small service yard in Brunswick makes complete sense. Servicing the trains in Portland makes no sense.

I understand the reservations of the residents of Bouchard Drive.

Perhaps a solution to mitigate their concerns re. noise would be the construction of a sound wall similar to those used where highways pass through residential areas. Given the fact that the residents would be on the south side of the wall, it would reduce their exposure to the north wind in the winter, lengthen the growing season on their side of the wall, in addition to reducing noise from Pleasant St.

My wife and I travel extensively for our business and train travel is the most productive for us because it provides quality work time for us both while in transit. We look forward to riding the rails to and from home.

PS Thank you for the WONDERFUL reconstruction of Lincoln St., We love what it has done for our neighborhood.

Sincerely, Charlie Chamberlain

Charles Chamberlain  
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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: support for the train

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:37:11 AM EST

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**From:** jeff audet [mailto:islandservices.me@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:30 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** support for the train

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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: I Support the Downeaster

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:33:46 AM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Mark Patrick [mailto:mpatricks@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 4:46 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** I Support the Downeaster

To the Town Council:

Unable to make tonight's meeting. My wife and I support, and plan to use the Downeaster to travel to Boston and Charlottesville, VA when it is available. We also support the West Brunswick service facility within the rail yard that has been active here for decades before we moved in in 1974.

Mark & Melon Patrick, 79 Hennessey Ave.

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 3:44:01 PM EST

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**From:** Karen Hull [mailto:kwess17@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 3:33 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

I am a resident of Brunswick and am very thrilled that the train is coming to Brunswick!  
It will be great for the town as many people can visit Brunswick in an easy and fun way.  
I have many friends in the Boston area and they are looking forward to visiting here using this mode of transportation.  
The Downeaster is a wonderful alternative to driving and Brunswick will benefit from it's arrival here.

Karen Hull  
5 Outlook Lane

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Downeaster Service  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 3:45:30 PM EST  
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**From:** Meghann Blethen [mailto:mblethen@girihotels.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:51 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Downeaster Service

Dear Town Councilors,

Please consider deciding in favor of the Downeaster service in Brunswick – on behalf of so many businesses in the area that would benefit so greatly by this addition in our community. This is a truly wonderful opportunity for Brunswick and would be incredibly disappointing for the hospitality and other industries of the Mid-coast area should it be turned down.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Warm regards,

**Meghann Blethen** | Corporate Sales Manager - Giri Hotels

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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Support Train!!!

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:17:11 PM EST

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**From:** Ashish Sangani [mailto:asangani@girihotels.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:17 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Support Train!!!

We really think Train line will help our economy & job situation..

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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train to Brunswick

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:24:55 PM EST

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**From:** Charlie Wiercinski [mailto:cwiercinski@sitelinespa.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:58 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train to Brunswick

**Dear Council Members**

I understand that you will be discussing train service and related issues at tonight's meeting. Please recognize the important benefit to visitors and residents alike and work productively to insure service to Brunswick at the earliest opportunity.

Warmest regards

Charlie

Charles R. Wiercinski. PE  
Founder  
Sitelines, PA  
8 Cumberland Street  
Brunswick, Maine 04011  
207-725-1200 x20

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Amtrak Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:48:59 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Mary Magnus [mailto:sungam1@myfairpoint.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 12:43 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Amtrak Downeaster

We are unable to attend this evening's Town Council meeting; however, we want to go on record that we are VERY supportive of the anticipated arrival of the Downeaster coming to Brunswick. It is extremely important to encourage rail passengers to take the train and come see all that the down town district of Brunswick has to offer. We have been waiting years for this mode of transportation to become available.....such an easy way to commute, shop, etc. The rail station is waiting to welcome our visitors. We moved to Brunswick from Ridgewood, New Jersey six years this coming May, and feel very fortunate to this in this vibrant community.....and want to see continued positive growth for this wonderful community we call home.

Please throw all your support to this highly anticipated and much needed train service.

Mary and Bob Magnus  
26 Signature Drive  
Brunswick

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**Subject:** FW: Amtrak

**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:47:45 PM EST

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**From:** Tracy Coughlin [mailto:TracyME103@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 12:33 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Amtrak

I understand you are having a meeting tonight to discuss the Amtrak/Downeaster project. I live in Harpswell, but work in Brunswick and would like to express my opinion on this issue. My family and I are looking forward to the arrival of the Downeaster train in Brunswick and feel this is a very positive thing for the entire region. We plan to use the train to travel to Boston and back. I feel it will also be a positive thing for Brunswick as it will make it easy for tourists to come to the area.

Tracy Coughlin  
139 Oak Ledge Road  
Harpswell, ME 04079  
Phone 207.721.9703  
Fax 207.721.0574

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: train support

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:28:06 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Debora Price [mailto:dmprice825@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 12:08 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** train support

I view the Downeaster and Brunswick Station as godsend....especially for non-driving people like the elderly and visitors to Maine. In addition, train transportation access enhances economic growth just when we need such a stimulus in Brunswick. Finally, the train and its possibilities has re-energized this community; the whistle of the train carries promise, connection, and vitality; I believe it would be foolish not to capitalize on the mystique and realities of train transportation.

Debora Price  
825 Mere Pt. Rd.  
Brunswick



From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Amtrack Downeaster

Date: February 27, 2012 12:27:54 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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From: Joe Byrnes [mailto:joe@byrnesirishpub.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 12:02 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Amtrack Downeaster

Dear Council;

I am away or I would be there tonight to express my support for the train coming to Brunswick. I opened my business in Brunswick specifically because the train was coming. I feel it is the only hope for the long term success of Byrnes Irish Pub. I would hope you will continue your support of this expansion and push for as many trips as possible each day to Brunswick.


Thank You,

Joe Byrnes

Have a Great Navy Day!

Sent from my iPhone

Joe Byrnes  
Byrnes Irish Pubs  
Admiral Steakhouse

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

Subject: FW: Down Easter Train

Date: February 27, 2012 12:27:41 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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From: Reservations Harpswell Inn [mailto:reservations@harpswellinn.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 11:58 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Down Easter Train

February 27, 2012

Brunswick Town Council,

I am writing to let you know that there is great interest in having Train Service to Brunswick. As an extension to the Brunswick Area to our resources and as a travel destination Harpswell and The Harpswell Business Association welcome the prospect of the train bringing guests to the area. There seems to be interest in both directions for travel to Portland and the Boston areas for both business and pleasure.

With availability of Rental Cars at The Station it opens the doors to very convenient travel to nearby destinations.

My personal feeling is that interest in mass transit will only increase due to current and future fuel prices. As a local resident and President of The Harpswell Business Association the addition of Train Service will be an asset and direct benefit to the entire area.

Thank You,  
Richard Moseley HBA Pres.

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Harpswell Inn  
108 Lookout Point Road  
Harpswell, Maine 04079  
reservations@harpswellinn.com  
207-833-5509  
1-800-843-5509 (reservations only)



**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster Train - MSMT

**Date:** February 28, 2012 10:19:01 AM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** gifts [mailto:Gifts@msmt.comcastbiz.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:03 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster Train - MSMT

Dear Councilors,

I attended the town council meeting last night and was prepared to speak on behalf of Maine State Music Theatre in support of the Downeaster Train coming to Brunswick. It appeared that the issue at hand was whether or not the council should send the letter and that comments about the train in general were inappropriate for that agenda item.

What I had intended to say was that Maine State Music Theatre is most anxious for the train to arrive here! Each year we are responsible for transporting approximately 70 artistic staff and performers. During the summers of 2009 and 2010 we spent \$15,000 each summer for this transportation. For the summer of 2011 we budgeted this line at \$15,000 but after all was said and done we actually spent \$34,000. For this coming summer we have budgeted \$34,000 for this travel but with gas prices on the rise I can only imagine that we will exceed this budget again. It is our intention to utilize the train as much as possible to transport our performers and artistic staff to reduce the amount of money that we are spending. It will also be a welcome option for the college kids that come to work for us as interns and apprentices during the summer who are responsible for their own travel to and from Brunswick.

We welcome the opportunity to have the train make several trips to and from Brunswick daily to bring more people to Brunswick to shop, dine and take in at show at MSMT.

Thank you,

Barbara Whidden  
Development Director  
Maine State Music Theatre  
725-8760 ext 15

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Train

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:37:41 AM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Art Mind and Soul Studio [mailto:amsart10@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:45 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Train

I am writing to let you know I am looking forward to the train coming to Brunswick. I make frequent trips to Boston and I am happy to NOT have to drive to Portland to park and then to have to drive back to Brunswick late at night. It will be a welcome sight to see the first Downeaster pulling into Brunswick Station and I hope I can be on one of the first trips it makes to Boston. Beth Carr

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Art Mind and Soul Studio  
Community & Inspiration

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Trains

**Date:** February 28, 2012 7:34:58 AM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** gail@ashcovepottery.com [mailto:gail@ashcovepottery.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 5:53 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Cc:** Reservations Harpswell Inn; director@brunswickdowntown.org

**Subject:** Trains

Dear Members of the Town Council,

I speak as a long standing small business owner in Harpswell. I am excited and pleased to have the train coming to Brunswick. It will improve tourism and allow people to arrive in Southern Midcoast Maine without having to drive or fly.

Please know that we support more frequent round trips so that Mainers can use the train conveniently to travel south, for college students to commute and for summer tourists to come without the hassle of traffic and the high price of gas. The comfort and leisure of taking a train to Brunswick will set the stage for the natural beauty they will find in Harpswell when they rent a car or come for a visit with friends and family.

We are looking forward to serving this new demographic.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Kass  
Ash Cove Pottery  
www.ashcovepottery.com

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:26:24 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Juris Apse [mailto:apseji@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:20 AM


**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

Please support the train to Brunswick. We have a granddaughter in Boston and expect more to come. We live within walking distance of the station at the Visitor Center.

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Juris Apse  
2 Fiddlehead Fern Trail  
Botany Place  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
Phone 207-373-1718

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster to Boston

**Date:** February 27, 2012 3:45:58 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** David D. Buthlay [mailto:David@bekinc.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 3:41 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster to Boston

We support the train

David Buthlay



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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster Service to Brunswick

**Date:** February 27, 2012 2:19:58 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Donovan Gray [mailto:polardog@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:17 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster Service to Brunswick

I encourage your support for the new Downeaster service to start from Portland to Brunswick later this year. I am looking forward to the opportunity to travel from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick for shopping, and just having a nice day out of town.

-dmg

Donovan Gray  
[polardog@comcast.net](mailto:polardog@comcast.net)  
360-402-6851



**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>   
**Subject:** FW: train service in Brunswick  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:57:30 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brillant <kbrillant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Sherry Plunkett [mailto:sherryplunkett@remax-riverside-maine.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:20 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** RE: train service in Brunswick

To Whom It May Concern,

I am not a Brunswick resident but feel I would, as well as my family, be affected in a positive way by the train coming to Brunswick and returning to Portland/Boston. We have two boys in their early twenties that both go to school in Maine (we live in Bath they drive to Portland for class) but have spent time in school in Boston as well, and on occasion make the trek to Boston for weekends. My girlfriends and I take a trip twice a year to Boston for a "Ladies Day Out". My husband has family in the Boston area that we visit often.

I would much rather read for 2 hours than fight traffic, be able to get up and move around, have some refreshments and use the facilities without feeling like I'm in a sardine can. The boys can hop on the internet, read a book or do homework and not have to worry about taking a wrong turn (again). My husband and I can go down and visit family when ever we would like.

On the flip side, as you can see, I manage a business that would benefit tremendously from increased visitors from the south. Many people come to Boston to vacation and would probably hop the train for a 2 hour ride to Maine. It would increase our vacationers, 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners, college students, potential for new businesses and overall awareness that Brunswick, Maine is a destination spot. Even an increase of 10 people a day (that is a very small number) would help the local businesses and any exposure will only serve to help our economy to strive forward and bounce back from our recent economic blows.

I know I am only one person but I am certain there are plenty more out there just like me that want to see the train come to Brunswick. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Sherry Plunkett

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From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

Subject: FW: Amtrak Downeaster

Date: February 27, 2012 12:24:32 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Keith Field Classical Goldsmith [mailto:info@kfgoldsmith.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:55 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Amtrak Downeaster

Good morning,

My name is Keith Field, I would like to express my support of having the Amtrak Downeaster come to Brunswick.

Our customers not only include local year round residents and businessmen, but many summer residents, tourists, and people throughout the US by mail order. All throughout the summer we have travelers purposely go out of their way (up to several hours drive!) to see our selection and buy our jewelry. To have the train come to town will not only make their trip easier, but will also help the other wonderful businesses in Brunswick enjoy profit from their presence.

As the owner of Keith Field Goldsmith on downtown Maine Street I make many business trips to Boston by car and would use the train if available.


Keith Field Goldsmith has invested in several advertisements at the station itself. Other Brunswick businesses have invested much more into this venture. With all the work made so far into having the train come to Brunswick by the town and the local businessmen it would be a shame to throw it all to waste.

A "ghost" train station will do more harm to bringing business to our town than the amount of effort needed to bring it to a functional train station.


Please take measures to bring the train to Brunswick.

Keith Field

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147Maine Street

Brunswick, ME 04011  
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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org> 

**Subject:** FW: School performance and property value

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:27:13 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Jeff Pelletier [mailto:j.pellet@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:44 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** School performance and property value

Hello,

I am the parent of an incoming kinder-gardener and I have been watching, with some dismay, the developments with regards to the school budget over the past few years. Last year we saw another round of cuts and we all bemoaned their necessity while many declared them to be the last cuts before severely degrading the quality of our children's education. I am hopeful that, after last year, we will recognize the value that a healthy, vibrant school system adds to our community. Regardless of our parental status we should all be concerned with the health of our school system. I have attached a paper which summarizes the findings of several economists from around the world which demonstrates a link between the health of a school system and property values within the community. The table on page 5 is a good summary of the various studies.

I understand the School Board is beginning the process of establishing its budget for next year and I plan to make this point to them at their meeting on the 29th. I thought the Town Council should be aware of this information as well.

I am hopeful that we, as a community, can decide to do the things necessary to protect the various assets that make the Town of Brunswick a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

Thank you

-Jeff Pelletier

29 Union St  
Brunswick



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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: From Henry R Heyburn Jr  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:27:02 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Henry Heyburn Jr [mailto:hrheyburn@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:44 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** From Henry R Heyburn Jr

To the Town Council,  
I'm writing to voice my unambiguous support for train service in Brunswick. Not only will service provide a convenient, auto-free and weather immune travel option but it opens up countless recreational and economic opportunities for our town. For example, Brunswick is at the junction of three major US bike routes, The Northern Tier, The Atlantic Coast and the East Coast Greenway. Every summer I speak with dozens of cyclists coming through town. Some have begun their trips here. Over time it would be beneficial to have more frequent service, with light rail for example, think Boston's Green Line, between Brunswick and Portland. How convenient would that be. It works both ways. Less automobile traffic to and from town. While I'm at it. Consider frequent trolley service between downtown and the BNAS property. Driving that route consistently is a shortsighted proposition. Overall, Brunswick is too auto dependent and it is hurting the town. I can't imagine the town council would not have the foresight and vision to support rail service.

Sincerely  
Henry R Heyburn Jr  
hrheyburn@hotmail.com  
Brunswick, ME

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster to Brunswick

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:26:51 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Alan Sockloff [mailto:docsock41@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:34 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster to Brunswick

Dear Council Members,

We were so excited at the prospect of having the Downeaster extend their runs to Brunswick. We are retired and have little to gain from a business standpoint (other than seeing the businesses in our area benefit from visitors down south). Personally, we have found it exciting and just plain fun to be able to travel to Boston and use the North Station and all that is accessible from that point. We'd love to be able to start our travels in Brunswick, rather than having to travel and park in Portland.

Please do whatever you can to encourage the Downeaster extension to Brunswick.

Thanks,

Alan Sockloff

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Amtrak Service

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:26:39 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Bruce Martinson [mailto:bmartinson@sitelinespa.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:34 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Amtrak Service

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for train service to be welcomed to Brunswick, for a few different reasons. For me, the reasons are both business and personal in nature.

I have been a resident of the area for over 20 years, and have owned a few local businesses for nearly that long. I am currently one of the owners of Sitalines on Cumberland Street. We are not a retail business, but we are sensitive to the situation our fellow downtown retail businesses are in with respect to greater competition for every consumer dollar. We are members of the Brunswick Downtown Association even though it primarily represents the interests of retail, mainly because we know that a healthy and diversified downtown is good for us all. I have ridden the Downeaster to Boston from Portland, and am always struck by the number of people who are coming the other direction when I get to North Station. I know that just as I am headed to the city for a day of spending, these folks are going to be doing the same back in Maine.

When I ride I also enjoy myself because of the ease of travel, the break from the mundane of driving the pike, and the general lowered blood pressure regarding parking and movement through the city once there. I know my family will use it even more once it starts right here in town. I also have a daughter in college in PA, and yesterday we discussed how she could ride the overnight train from Philly to Boston, then transfer to the Downeaster to get home for Spring Break. We are anxiously awaiting the day when we can meet her right downtown at the station.

Generally in this country (lately), public opinion is much more often given as a negative reaction to an issue, which may make it look like the majority of people are against the issue. People who are in favor of the issue don't take the time to offer an opinion for whatever reason. I almost didn't take the time to respond because I am busy during the day. I urge the Council to keep that in mind and not let an issue get decided by the vocal minority.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond via email.

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Martinson, PLS  
VP, Survey Manager  
Sitalines, P.A.  
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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: please support the Downeaster train coming to Brunswick!  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:26:00 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rrizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rrizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Karen Topp [mailto:ktopp@bowdoin.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:03 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** please support the Downeaster train coming to Brunswick!

Dear Town Council,

I have long looked forward to this calendar year and the promised arrival of Amtrak train service from Brunswick to Boston. I think it will be a boon to the town, and convenient for many people who live here (and students who go to school here!) to be able to take a train from our downtown to Boston, without any need of a car!

I can't wait. Please support this important project.

Best,  
-Karen Topp

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**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster in Brunswick

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:25:49 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** Annie O'Rourke (St. John's Catholic School) [mailto:Annie.O'Rourke@portlanddiocese.org]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:00 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster in Brunswick

My husband Skip and I wholeheartedly support the train being a part of downtown Brunswick's daily life. Thank you for all the work you are doing to make that a reality. Sorry we will not be able to be at the meeting tonight.

Annie  
Annie O'Rourke  
Advancement Director  
St. John's Catholic School  
37 Pleasant Street  
Brunswick, Maine 04011  
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From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Train

Date: February 27, 2012 3:44:33 PM EST

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marian Dalton [mailto:mdalton@curtislibrary.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:33 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Train

I've been looking forward to the train's coming to brunswick for a long time. If there had been a train when I was taking weekly classes in boston I might not have been up late doing homework after driving 2.5 hours each way. My daughter might be able to come to Brunswick instead of my picking her up in Portland when she comes home. I might actually be able to take a train to Portland instead of using my car. I could bike to the train station (if there is storage for bikes.) Brunswick has many wonderful restaurants that can become destinations for people down the coast. I bet the music theatre would get additional southern patronage. Yes, we want the train, although we want to make sure all options for a maintenance facility are reviewed thoroughly before a choice of location is made.

Thank you for your attention to this important concern.  
Sent from my iPad

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: train

Date: February 27, 2012 3:43:34 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Howland [mailto:cbhowland@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:32 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: train

Dear Councillors,

Please don't even think of not supporting the train to Brunswick. Not only will it be a boon to businesses but it will be a convenience to residents needing to go to Portland or Boston minus a car. What a relief to not have to drive. A train will put Brunswick on the map what with its walkable downtown, the Mall, and events at the college.

Thank you.

Cynthia Howland  
25 Water Street

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Downeaster

Date: February 28, 2012 7:32:44 AM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Victor [mailto:vwsalemme@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 4:13 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Downeaster

I strongly support the Downeaster we would love using it to travel to brunswick to visit our friends and weekend get aways. I urge you all to support the downeaster service to portland. The cost of gas has just about forced a lot of us retired folks to leave our autos in the driveway.  
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster

**Date:** February 27, 2012 4:04:35 PM EST

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**From:** Susan Starr [mailto:Susan@BayviewGallery.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 4:01 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster

Dear Council Members,

With my husband, John, I own Bayview Gallery at 58 Maine Street. I'd like to voice my support for Downeaster service. Having reliable rail service will certainly bring shoppers and tourists to Brunswick -- even if it's just a day trip out of Portland. The museums at Bowdoin College are an incredible cultural experience, and train service would make them more accessible. Our town's restaurants and shops would benefit from that business too.

On a personal note, I take the train from Portland most anytime I go to Boston for events, as I dislike driving and trying to park in Boston. Since I live in Topsham and work in Brunswick, I find frequent rail service South to be quite desirable.

Respectfully,

**Susan**

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**From:** Kevin Johnson [mailto:jazzkj@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 2:20 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Support for Downeaster Service at Brunswick Station

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my support for the Downeaster Brunswick Station.

Brunswick has an opportunity to become connected to the Northeast Corridor through train service. Honestly, I find it difficult to believe that the town is hesitant to give this full support. This will enable more workers to reside in this area and commute south with ease. Professors, students, and families will be connected to Bowdoin College in a way they haven't been for decades. Tourists will come. Residents will travel to and from with greater convenience. It may take time, but we need to exercise patience and be willing to invest in Brunswick to create opportunities for growth.

In short, it will make us a better town. It will provide an essential service that once was a given fact, and now has the potential to return.

Best regards,  
Kevin Johnson  
Brunswick Resident



**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: YES TO THE TRAIN

**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:57:58 PM EST

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**From:** The Brunswick Inn [mailto:info@thebrunswickinn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:30 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Cc:** director@brunswickdowntown.org

**Subject:** YES TO THE TRAIN

As a BDA board member and the owner of The Brunswick Inn, I want to make known my support for the train coming to Brunswick. There is tremendous potential for increased traffic through town and therefore increased revenue for local businesses. It would increase the visibility and viability of Brunswick as a destination for dining, shopping, and cultural attractions and would add a needed vibrancy to our downtown. I wholeheartedly support this venture.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Hornor  
Proprietor, The Brunswick Inn

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**Subject:** FW: amtrak

**Date:** February 27, 2012 1:49:49 PM EST

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**From:** paul wade [mailto:victorybay1@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 12:54 PM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** amtrak

Over twenty years ago I attended at Bowdoin the very first meeting concerning this train. Theo Holtjwik was there, me, Rob Jarratt, friends, Representative Phil Harriman and many active Brunswick folks. This train is magnificent. It helps everyone. It keeps many cars off the highway. It is quick, It is affordable. The train conductors are responsive. The cost is affordable. If the train building repair shop seems offensive--then lets all cut down the telephone poles--they are very unsightly. Lets keep cars out of Brunswick--they pollute and are noisy... In fact lets get people to move out of Brunswick A good sandy dessert like Freeport would help the environment.

I recall the time when I lived in Lexington, Mass and had an apartment which had twenty feet from my wall a set of railroad tracks

When the train went by the whole building would shake. But you know after a month or so--I never heard that train go by again/

I have lived in the Brunswick area over 80 years. On some days at least I know a few ways to find perspective.

Paul de Wolfe Wade apt 211 30 Water st Woodlawn Senior Towers, Brunswick, Maine 04011 cel tel 449 6523

The Museum of Maine Wildflowers at Midcoast Casco Bay Maine, will be an international cultural center now in its fourth year of work. We very much need awareness of this special project for special Maine. The website done once, now is being revised. thank you

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**From:** modo25@gmail.com [mailto:modo25@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Josephine Cameron  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 11:57 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Support for Downeaster Brunswick Station

Dear Councillors,

I am unable to attend the town meeting this evening, but I would like to express my support for the Downeaster Brunswick Station.

Specifically, I would like to express that the project will be most successful for both visitors and Brunswick residents if the train schedule is **convenient** and **affordable**.

If the train is less convenient than the current bus system, I'm not certain whether it will gain much traction. This would be a shame, since the additional public transportation is a terrific opportunity to attract more visitors (and revenue) to Brunswick, and to enable residents to travel easily to Boston and beyond.

All the best,  
Josephine Cameron Johnson  
Brunswick Resident

## Connecting Two Dots: “Circuitbreaker” Benefits and Property Tax Liens

In the January 20 edition of the Legislative Bulletin, the details of a bill submitted by Rep. Dennis Keschl (Belgrade) was described that is now in the possession of the Taxation Committee. LD 1693, *An Act to Amend the Law Governing Abatements of Property Taxes for Infirmary or Poverty*, was submitted at the request of the Mt. Vernon Board of Selectmen. The Mt. Vernon board was concerned about the lack of connection between the State’s issuance of Circuitbreaker benefits to qualifying households and the actual payment of the household’s property taxes.

At the public hearing on LD 1693, two parts of the bill were received favorably by the Tax Committee members, who merely asked the interested parties to craft a quick compromise to address a minor problem with the language of the printed bill. Those two non-controversial elements provided a board of municipal officers with the clear authority to consider Circuitbreaker benefits as available to the recipient for the purpose of paying property taxes when considering the final value of any poverty abatement that may be granted. Along those same lines, LD 1693 provides that an applicant cannot apply for Circuitbreaker benefits with respect to any property tax obligation that may have already been granted. It seems that both points should go without saying, but neither was clearly stated in the law until now.

The more controversial part of LD 1693 was the requirement in the printed bill that an applicant could not apply for a Circuitbreaker benefit unless the property taxes for the tax year in question had already been paid. This provision of the bill was considered an accountability measure to ensure that the benefits were being issued as a refund or a rebate, rather

than an undedicated cash benefit.

There was a great deal of opposition to that element of the bill, with most opponents pointing out that the homeowners who probably need the Circuitbreaker benefits the most are those that are five or six months past their property tax due date and are struggling to get their tax liens discharged.

The Tax Committee took those concerns into account. At the Committee’s request, the interested parties were asked to craft an alternative approach that would improve programmatic integrity without arbitrarily blocking people from access-

ing the program who may be the most seriously in need.

On Tuesday this week, the Committee gave a unanimous “ought to pass as amended” vote on a re-crafted version of LD 1693. In addition to making the positive connection between Circuitbreaker benefits and the poverty abatement process, the bill will also establish the following program. Municipal participation in the program is entirely voluntary.

1. If the municipality is interested, the town or city treasurer could electronically file with the State Tax Assessor (i.e., Maine

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## The Tree Growth Compromise Approved By Tax Committee

**Two Bills Addressing Tree Growth Issues Appear Headed For Enactment**

MMA has been involved in an informally created working group that has had numerous meetings over several months in an effort to develop a bill that all parties can support that would simultaneously improve the Tree Growth tax program from several different points of view.

From the municipal perspective, the bill would improve the accountability of the Tree Growth program, particularly with respect to the use of the program as a tax dodge where people enroll prime waterfront lots – in the 10-20 acre range – and use the property, decade after decade, for purely recreational and residential use.

From the perspective of the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM), the bill would create a soft landing for those Tree Growth enrollees who fail to update their forest management

plans on a 10-year basis as required by the Tree Growth statutes. Under current law, the land is removed from the Tree Growth program in that circumstance and the financial penalty is applied, which in the case of high-value property can be many thousands of dollars. SWOAM wants a much smaller administrative penalty applied, instead, and the landowner given every opportunity to remain in either the Tree Growth or Open Space tax program.

The working group started with Maine Revenue Services, MMA and SWOAM. It since expanded to include the Maine Forest Products Council (representing the large and industrial landowners), and then was further expanded to include the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Conservation.

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## Tree Growth (cont'd)

This article details the compromise plan as it has been developed thus far, plus a second, companion Tree Growth bill that is also on track to be enacted. The Legislature's Taxation Committee has unanimously approved the more comprehensive package, described immediately below, and MMA is now very interested in hearing from all selectmen and municipal assessors who wish to provide input on this plan. Please send along any comments or suggestions you have to Geoff Herman at [gberman@memun.org](mailto:gberman@memun.org). The second Tree Growth bill, LD 1470, *An Act To Ensure Harvesting of Timber on Land Taxed under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law*, is described in a side bar on page 5.

### The Tree Growth Compromise.

The bill that has become the vehicle to advance this compromise was presented to the Legislature a year ago as LD 1138, *An Act to Prevent Unnecessary Expulsion from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Program*. There are three major elements to this compromise as developed: accountability, compliance deadlines and a new Open Space Category.

The three "accountability" proposals brought into the compromise package by MMA are:

- Requiring all Tree Growth landowners, at the time of first enrollment and at the 10-year update, to actually attest to the fact that their primary objective with respect to the Tree Growth parcel is commercial timber harvesting, with all other objectives (residential, recreational, scenic, conservation, etc.) being subordinate to that objective.

- Requiring the removal from Tree

Growth enrollment of a swath of land including the minimum waterfront requirement to the area where the building physically exists when a residential structure is built in the shoreland zone. This would apply to residential buildings constructed in the shoreland zone after August 1, 2012.

- Closing a loophole that currently allows landowners to convert their Tree Growth enrollment to an Open Space enrollment immediately before withdrawing the property entirely from current use taxation, all to avoid the Tree Growth withdrawal penalty. This legislation would provide that when a landowner transfers enrolled property from Tree Growth to Open Space after August 1, 2012, and then subsequently withdraws from current use taxation altogether, the withdrawal would be subject to the Tree Growth penalty rather than the softer Open Space penalty for the first 10 years after the transfer.

**Compliance Deadlines.** SWOAM's interest in reducing the financial penalty for failing to update the forest management plan by the 10 year deadline (even after receiving the mandated and specific "120-day" notice about that deadline from the town) would be addressed as follows:

1. Year 10, Deadline year. The town would still be required to send out the so-called 120-day notice informing the landowner of the exact date of the impending deadline and the landowner's obligation to get the certification that the plan has been updated to the town. Current law allows that notice to be sent by regular mail. It would now have to be sent by certified mail.

2. If the landowner still fails to get the proper certification to the town assessor by the deadline, a \$500 administrative penalty would be supplementally assessed against the landowner. That is, the financial penalty would be assessed against the property just as a property tax is assessed, with all the associated power of enforcement. The property would remain enrolled in the Tree Growth program and in addition to the penalty, the landowner would have to pay his or her Tree Growth taxes.

3. The notice of the supplemental assessment must be sent to the landowner by certified mail, along with the instruction that the landowner must provide either the necessary certification that the forest management plan has been updated

or submit an application to enroll in the Open Space program within six months from the date of that notice.

4. If the landowner still fails to perform either of these requirements by that newly established deadline, a subsequent administrative penalty of an additional \$500 would be supplementally assessed against the property. The property would remain in the Tree Growth program and the landowner would also have to pay his or her Tree Growth taxes.

5. The notice of this second supplemental assessment would again be sent to the landowner by certified mail, along with instructions that the landowner has an additional six months to either become compliant with the 10-year (now 11-year) management plan update requirement or apply for the Open Space program.

6. No additional noticing would be required. If the landowner fails to follow those instructions in the 6-month period, the land would be removed from the Tree Growth program and the withdrawal penalty would be applied.

**New Open Space Category.** Finally, as indicated above, the package includes a proposed new "managed forest" category in the Open Space tax program.

As municipal assessors are well aware, the taxable value ascribed to property enrolled in the Open Space program is the value the assessors believe the property could command on the market if the property was required to remain forever in its particular open space "public benefit" category (conserving scenic resources, enhancing public recreation, promoting game management, or preserving wildlife or wildlife habitat).

If the assessor is uncertain about what that value should be, the assessor is free to utilize the valuation guidelines provided under the "alternative valuation method" provided in law.

Under that alternative methodology, an Open Space property is given:

- A 20 percent reduction from its full market value just for being enrolled in the program;

- An additional 30 percent reduction if the landowner places a third party enforceable easement on the property permanently preventing development;

- An additional 20 percent reduction if the landowner places a third party en-

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# Federal Clean Water Act Mandates Flow Into Impaired Urban Streams

On Monday of this week, Maine Municipal Association (MMA) provided comments to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding its December 2011 preliminary draft of the Impervious Cover (IC) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report. The official IC TMDL report will be available for public comment on or about February 13, and DEP is asking for official public comments to be submitted by April 6. The final report is expected to be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by April 20 of this year.

All of this flows out of federally mandated Clean Water Act requirements. In Maine, the DEP has been delegated to assume the function of the EPA with regard to stormwater control issues.

## What on Earth is the IC TMDL?

Certain waterbodies in Maine's urban areas have been identified by DEP as having not met Maine's water quality standards for aquatic life use. Because of the Department's assessment, these waterbodies have been added to the so-called "303(d)" list, which is reference to the pertinent section of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and federal Water Quality Planning and Management Regulations. Once a waterbody is placed on the 303(d) list, the municipality where the impaired water lies is responsible for trying to improve the quality standards of the identified waterbody so it can be eventually removed from the list.

The first step after being placed on the 303(d) list is for a "TMDL" report to be developed that assesses the water impairments and establishes a goal to guide the municipality when determining specific courses of action to address and restore the water's quality. Used as the name of a report, the term Total Maximum Daily Load makes no sense whatsoever. It has simply become the peculiar language of this federal mandate.

DEP felt that a statewide IC TMDL for all "urban impaired streams" located in this state made sense due to the number of waterbodies on the 303(d) list, which totals 29 located in 18 of the state's more urban municipalities. The statewide

TMDL report being drafted assumes that the impervious cover associated with developed areas (roofs, roads, driveways, parking lots, concrete, non-porous areas), increases the stormwater runoff and pollutant loads being deposited into these 29 urban streams resulting in aquatic life impairment. The goal identified in the draft IC TMDL report is to reduce the current impervious cover percentage identified in the stream watersheds (which averages 20%) to approximately 9% in order to assist in the restoration of water quality levels and the aquatic life that should be inhabiting these particular streams. Assuming that the existing impervious cover is not going to be ripped up, this can be accomplished by employing several types of practices and technologies to segregate and control the stormwater runoff so that it will not have deleterious effects on the streams that ultimately accept it. The implementation of those technologies and their necessary infrastructure can be very expensive.

**MMA comments.** Certain stakeholders have been in contact with DEP in order to express their concerns and provide constructive comments to the Department regarding what should (and should not) appear in the IC TMDL report. As a result, a second draft IC TMDL report was circulated in December and various municipalities are in the process of providing additional comments to DEP.

MMA had the opportunity to review the December draft and submitted its comments this week. The full text of MMA's comments can be found at MMA's website ([www.memun.org](http://www.memun.org)). The comments provided by MMA strongly recommend three guiding principles be taken into consideration as DEP finalizes its TMDL recommendations. What follows are the key elements of MMA's comments, which focus on *shared financial responsibility*, *achievability* and *regulatory predictability*.

## Shared Financial Responsibility.

To the extent the implementation of this TMDL demands financial expenditures at the municipal level, those obligations should be expressly tolled until financial

resources external to the municipality are made available at a significant matching rate. The property taxpayers in the municipality will doubtlessly pay their share and then some, but others at the private-sector, state and federal level must also provide substantial matching contributions, not as a vague promise or a grant program gone dry, but as money on the table.

**Achievability.** The Report takes up a great deal of its space laying out as its foundation a correlation between the percent of impervious cover in a small stream watershed and the quality of that stream's water. In summary, a percentage of impervious cover that exceeds 10 percent (more or less) is presumptively the root cause of an inability to attain certain water quality standards. Having so strongly underscored the correlation between impervious cover and water quality, there is next to nothing in this Report that provides some surety on the part of the regulated municipality that the aggressive reductions in impervious cover that at least some of these impaired stream communities will need to achieve is even remotely achievable. It is only fair that the mathematics of reducing or removing impervious cover (without necessarily tearing it up with a jackhammer) be clearly provided.

**Regulatory Predictability.** The presumptions that form the foundation of the Report are something of a one-way street. It is presumed that high levels of impervious cover in a stream watershed is the cause of the stream's poor water quality characteristics and it is further presumed that if the impervious cover tally was reduced to a level somewhere between 5 percent - 16 percent (with most being at 9 percent), depending on the stream, the stream's capacity to reach attainment would be obtained. However, the Report also makes clear that *"If the initial IC target is met but the aquatic life still does not attain criteria of the stream's assigned class, then the process of identifying and evaluating watershed stressors will be revisited."*

To the regulated communities, this kind of one-way-valve regulatory ap-

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# Aircraft Excise Tax –Landing In Municipalities

The Transportation Committee held a public hearing and work session this week on LD 1753, *An Act to Improve Transportation in the State*. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Ron Collins (York Cty.) on behalf of the Department of Transportation.

At Tuesday's public hearing, MMA provided testimony in support of one element of the bill. With respect to another section of the bill, MMA offered a general observation and concern about the condition of Maine's transportation infrastructure.

**Aircraft Excise Tax.** LD 1753 proposes to shift responsibility for assessing and collecting aircraft excise taxes from the Department of Transportation to the municipality or county where the "aircraft is based". Although municipal officials appreciate the Department's administrative assistance in collecting and redistributing the revenue, municipal officials believe that since the taxes collected benefit the property taxpayers of the community (in cases of municipal airports) and the region (in cases of county airports), the respective municipalities and counties should take on the responsibilities of assessing and collecting the tax.

Of particular interest to municipal officials in Augusta is the change in the bill requiring the excise taxes generated from qualifying aircraft based in the Augusta State Airport to be collected and retained by the City of Augusta. Currently, these tax revenues are collected and retained by the state.

**An Observation on Reprioritization.** Although very supportive of the aircraft excise tax proposal, municipal officials are concerned with an element of the Department's bill that would refocus the state's limited capital improvement dollars for roads and highways in a more realistic manner, admittedly, but also one that lowers expectations for the future.

Current law establishes a schedule to bring all the various categories of Maine roadways up to a reconstructed standard by 2027. According to the Department's testimony, under the current standard the state's FY 2012-2013 structural gap is

\$358 million. That gap is the difference between the \$563 million that is available to improve Maine's transportation system and the \$921 million necessary to comply with the existing "reconstructed" standard. As proposed in LD 1753, the standard is recalibrated to a "fair or better" standard, which takes into account road safety, condition and serviceability. This lower standard has the effect of reducing the FY 2012-2013 structural gap to \$242 million.

In working with the Department on various road projects and study groups, municipal and state transportation officials have concluded that they are facing a similar conundrum; that is, lack of adequate revenues to properly address rapidly deteriorating roads. While municipal officials appreciate that through LD 1753 the Department is maximizing

the most equitable use of limited dollars, they are concerned that it is a practice that will soon run its course at both the state and local level.

At Thursday's work session on LD 1753, the Committee unanimously voted to table the bill to allow interested parties time necessary to gather additional information on some elements of the proposal. That said, in its initial decision making process, the Committee unanimously supported the aircraft excise tax proposal as drafted and capital improvements reprioritization plan with a technical amendment. The amendment to the capital improvements reprioritization plan clarifies that the "fair or better" standard must be reached for safety, condition and serviceability factors individually, rather than as an average of the three factors.

## Clean Water Act (cont'd)

proach (which ascribes the cause of the problem as X but is unwilling to assert that the eradication of X is the solution) paints an entirely uncertain regulatory future. Even if the municipality undertakes every recommended action and implements in good faith all the structural and non-structural "best management practices" that could be reasonably required, it might still be on the hook for further regulatory actions. That all the local efforts could ultimately be recognized as ineffective is not what the regulated community wants to hear. That type of regulatory uncertainty is unfair.

If DEP's final recommendations fail to adequately address financing, achievability and regulatory predictability principles, then the exercise of improving water quality through the "effective" reduction of impervious cover in the watershed will be perceived by the affected communities as never ending.

**Your comments.** If you prefer not to wait for the official public comment period to commence, the draft IC TMDL report, along with the contact person's information, can be found on the Department's website (<http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/>

[comment.htm](#)). MMA will continue to monitor the development of this document and forward important information related to this issue to its membership as the process moves forward.

## Circuit Breaker (cont'd)

Revenue Services or MRS) a listing of all residential property owners who have a tax lien filed against their property. The electronic filing would have to be provided between July 15 and August 1 in an electronic format as required by MRS.

2. Before MRS issues a Circuitbreaker benefit to any applicant whose property is listed in that electronic filing, there would be a double-check process to make sure the tax lien is still in place and has not been discharged since the August 1 deadline when the municipality supplied the listing.

3. If MRS finds that the tax lien is still in place, the Circuitbreaker benefit would be issued as a paper check to the qualifying recipient in both the recipient's name and in the name of the municipality.

4. Upon receiving the benefit, the recipient will have to obtain the municipality's endorsement to cash the check. LD 1693 provides that the municipality

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## Tree Growth (cont'd)

forceable “forever wild” easement on the property; and

- An additional 25 percent reduction is the landowner is willing to allow public access on the property.

Generally, in the absence of any third party enforceable easements providing a clear public benefit, a parcel of land is allowed into the Open Space category only if the property’s non-development provides an articulable public benefit to the community.

Against that background, the SWOAM proposal provides an alternative to the “forever wild” category within the menu of Open Space options. The alternative would be a “managed forest” category where the landowner on the Open Space parcel that, in fact, contains forested acreage, has had a forest management plan prepared. In that circumstance, the landowner would be able to enjoy an additional 10% reduction in full market value. The landowner would have to certify compliance with the management plan and update the management plan every 10 years, just as is the case in the current Tree Growth program. Failure to stay compliant with this Open Space-based Tree Growth requirement would result in losing whatever Open Space tax benefit the “managed forest” statutes provided.

This package of amendments to the Tree Growth tax program, after the language has been finalized, is headed to the full Legislature for enactment.

## LD 1470, An Act To Ensure Harvesting of Timber on Land Taxed under the Tree Growth Tax Law.

LD 1470 was a concept draft bill submitted by Sen. Kevin Raye (Washington Cty.) proposing to amend the Tree Growth tax law in a going-forward way so that only property owners who are engaged in timber harvesting would be determined eligible to enroll in the Maine Tree Growth program. A public hearing was held on the bill earlier this month, the details of which were reported in the January 20 edition of the Legislative Bulletin. In summary, the public hearing provided an opportunity for selectmen and assessors on the coast and inland to describe to the Tax Committee their frustration with certain Tree Growth enrollments where the primary use of the Tree Growth property is clearly residential and recreational rather than commercial timber harvesting, which is the statutory standard for enrollment.

On Thursday this week the Taxation Committee gave a first reading to the text of legislation developed from that concept draft.

Under current law, the only way that Maine Forest Service can get involved in examining the validity of a Tree Growth enrollment is when asked to do so by a municipal assessor who believes such an audit is warranted. When such a review is requested, the Forest Service comes in and reviews both the landowner’s forest management plan and the actual silvacultural activities conducted on the ground, and then makes recommendations to the town as to how to proceed.

LD 1470 would create a separate authority for the Maine Forest Service to conduct such an audit through a system of sampling whereby the agency could randomly select Tree Growth parcels and, with appropriate notification to the landowner, review the management plan and enter and examine the forest land the purpose of determining compliance.

LD 1470 further requires Maine Forest Service to report the results of its first round of random assessment to the Taxation Committee no later than December 15, 2013.

The bill in its first reading was favorably received by the Taxation Committee, although some of its language needs to be finalized. It appears that LD 1470, along with LD 1138 as described in the companion article, will be sent to the full Legislature for enactment with strong “ought to pass” reports from the Taxation Committee.

## IN THE HOPPER

*The bill summaries are written by MMA staff and are not necessarily the bill’s summary statement or an excerpt from that summary statement. Our attempt is to provide a description of what would appear to be the bills of most significance to local government, but we would advise municipal officials to also review the comprehensive list of LDs of municipal interest that can be found on MMA’s website, [http://www.memun.org/public/MMA/svc/SFR/LD/LD\\_fr.htm](http://www.memun.org/public/MMA/svc/SFR/LD/LD_fr.htm).)*

### Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD 1803 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Dig Safe Work Group. (Reported by Rep. Fitts of Pittsfield for the Public Utilities Commission.)

This bill amends the so-called dig safe law by: (1) clarifying that the law and associated penalties apply to state agencies and departments; (2) specifying that five percent of penalty revenue collected will be used for marketing the dig safe program, 15% used to train utility owners and contractors in the system, and 80% used to provide grants to support the mapping of underground facilities; and (3) directs the Public Advocate to convene a dig safe work group to facilitate the creation

of a centralized one-call system to notify operators of underground facilities of pending excavations. The “one-call” system would result in municipalities, which are currently not mandatory members of the Dig Safe system (as is the case throughout the New England/New York Region), becoming mandatory members and subject to all membership dues and penalty assessments.

### Circuit Breaker (cont'd)

would have the right to retain any amount of the Circuitbreaker benefit necessary to discharge the tax lien or liens that may be on the property. Any amount of the Circuitbreaker benefit that exceeded the amount necessary to discharge those liens would have to be released to the recipient if that is what the recipient wanted.

After the language of LD 1693 is finalized, the bill should be heading to the full Legislature for enactment.



## LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

*Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. Work Session and Hearing schedules by Committee are available at the Legislative Information page at [http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/phwksched\\_ps.asp?PID=1456](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/phwksched_ps.asp?PID=1456).*

### ***Tuesday, February 7***

**Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development**  
**Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-1331**

LD 1697 – An Act Relating to the Calculation of Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Public Safety Answering Point Assessments.

### ***Wednesday, February 8***

**Education & Cultural Affairs**  
**Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-3125**

LD 1766 – Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

LD 1788 – Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

**Environment & Natural Resources**  
**Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-4149**

LD 1793 – Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standard of the Site Location Law, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Inland Fisheries & Wildlife**  
**Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-1338**

LD 1747 – An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Imposing Fees on Ice Fishing Shacks.

**State & Local Government**  
**Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-1330**

LD 1616 – An Act Concerning Copying Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds.

**Veterans & Legal Affairs**  
**Room 437, State House, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-1310**

LD 1630 – Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves.

### ***Thursday, February 9***

**Judiciary**  
**Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tel: 287-1327**

LD 1687 – An Act To Clarify the Liability of 3<sup>rd</sup>-party Building Inspectors.

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>  
**Subject:** FW: speaking up for DownEaster Amtrak  
**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:24:08 PM EST  
**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** KnitLady12 [mailto:knitlady12@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:55 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** speaking up for DownEaster Amtrak

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight. My thoughts for the DownEaster Amtrak is an extremely positive one. It will help our economy for the Town of Brunswick and it will have a huge positive effect for our town. More and more people will discover how friendly, quaint and homey our town is. It will also have a big effect on gas prices and pollution from our vehicles in traveling. We must keep the idea of the DownEaster Amtrak coming to Brunswick. As far as having the train layover night, something can be worked out. After all, in the vintage days when the train was one of our major resources for transportation, it all worked out fine. Thank you, diane mann

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: Downeaster Train service

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:23:43 PM EST

**To:** Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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**From:** kprodel@gmail.com [mailto:kprodel@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Kevin Rodel

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:47 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Downeaster Train service

I understand that the issue of train service to Brunswick will be part of tonights meeting agenda. I am sorry I cannot make it to this meeting, this is an important issue to me and I wish to let the council know that I strongly support extending the Downeaster service to Brunswick. It may be helpful to my small business, it certainly will be good for business and the quality of living for Brunswick in general. Thank you all for your hard work on the Town Council.

Kevin Rodel  
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Kevin Rodel <[kevin@kevinrodel.com](mailto:kevin@kevinrodel.com)>

From: Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

Subject: FW: Down Easter

Date: February 27, 2012 12:22:56 PM EST

To: Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, "Darren Fishell (dfishell@timesrecord.com)" <dfishell@timesrecord.com>, "eguerin@theforecaster.net" <eguerin@theforecaster.net>, Ben Tucker <BJTucker@brunswickme.org>, Benet Pols <EBPols@brunswickme.org>, Dave Watson <WDWatson@brunswickme.org>, Gerry Favreau <GEFavreau@brunswickme.org>, Joanne King <JTKing@brunswickme.org>, John Perreault <jmperreault@brunswickme.org>, Margo Knight <MHKnight@brunswickme.org>, Sarah Brayman <sbrayman@brunswickme.org>, Suzan Wilson <swilson@brunswickme.org>, Anna Breinich <abreinich@brunswickme.org>, Cathy Donovan <cdonovan@brunswickme.org>, Fran Smith <smithfm@brunswickme.org>, Gary Brown <gbrown@brunswickme.org>, John Eldridge <jeldridge@brunswickme.org>, John Foster <jfoster@brunswickme.org>, Ken Brilliant <kbrilliant@brunswickme.org>, "Rrizzo@brunswickpd.org" <Rrizzo@brunswickpd.org>, Tom Farrell <tfarrell@brunswickme.org>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wyler Furniture [mailto:info@wylerfurniture.com]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 10:34 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Down Easter

Hi,

I am a business owner, but I am also a homeowner. I am very disappointed with the politics behind the train layover situation. If the town had endorsed a more appropriate site I would have been behind it 100 %. As it is I do not even feel comfortable paying taxes to a town that for the most part has not stood up to protect the residence that are paying good taxes and getting poor representation when there are alternate sites that would work. I also question how much impact the train will have with the schedules they will run. I question committing to a site that is not as compatible for other uses down the road such as freight to help pay some costs and offer more jobs and uses. I feel we are being short sighted and irresponsible. I would love to have the trains coming to this town for many reasons, I just do not see the bullied force of NEPRA, and the weak representaion from my town council as being the right answer.

John Faulkner,  
29 Bouchard Drive and NEST downtown Brunswick.

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: I support the Train

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:22:40 PM EST

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**From:** MBarib@aol.com [mailto:MBarib@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:31 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** I support the Train

Brunswick needs the train and the added business it will bring to the area. I would also love to walk from my office and board the train for a relaxing trip to Boston.

**Michael H. Baribeau ABR CRS CRB e-PRO**  
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**From:** Vin DiCara [mailto:vdicara@devftc.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:30 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** Amtrak Train Service

To Whom It May Concern: I will be unable to attend this evening's Council meeting, but nonetheless wanted to share some thoughts with you about the extension of passenger rail service to Brunswick. As a relatively new resident of Brunswick (my wife and I moved here in September of 2009) I have been looking forward to the extension of Amtrak service for some time. My wife and I intend to make use of this service ourselves. I am also convinced that from an economic development perspective, this service will make Brunswick a far more attractive community for both its existing business base as well as future businesses. The location of the train station within walking distance of Bowdoin College will also create a real benefit and attraction for Bowdoin students, their family members, and faculty and staff.

I have spent the last thirty years of my life working in the field of finance, and more specifically economic development finance. As a result, I bring to this issue the perspective of someone who has worked in communities throughout Maine (and elsewhere) to promote and enhance economic and community development. I encourage the members of the Town Council to vigorously support the extension of passenger rail service to Brunswick and to do what is within your authority to bring this about. This is a tremendous opportunity that Brunswick needs to pursue.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information and thoughts about this topic. Thank you for your time.

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Check out DFTC's website at [www.devftc.com](http://www.devftc.com)

**From:** Town Council <towncouncil@brunswickme.org>

**Subject:** FW: PLEASE SUPPORT THE TRAIN.

**Date:** February 27, 2012 12:24:43 PM EST

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**From:** jsbcmac@comcast.net [mailto:jsbcmac@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 10:56 AM

**To:** Town Council

**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT THE TRAIN.

The MacMillan family is in support of the train. We as a town need to find ways to create jobs for our town. Allowing the train to come to Brunswick could only help our existing businesses in town by creating more opportunities for people to visit. Allowing the train may also make it more attractive for companies to relocate to the town and/or air base. The town needs to become more business friendly and get away from the "**NOT IN MY BACK YARD**" mentality. We are faced with shrinking school budgets. We need to encourage business growth and shift the tax burden from our residents to businesses. The solution is to become more business friendly. We have excellent assets (such as the base, train station, college and the overall community) let's not waste them. Please do what it takes and allow the train to come to Brunswick.

Regards,

John and Sandra MacMillan

5 Parsons Farm Rd

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If you are interested in:

1. Attracting more customers to your business
2. Taking conveniently timed trips on the Downeaster to Boston and beyond

Please let Brunswick Town Councilors know today or tonight by:

- Attending the Town Council meeting tonight at 7 pm, Council Chambers, at Brunswick Station and/or
- Speaking at tonight's meeting as to your desire to have more customers in Brunswick AND/OR personally taking the train and/or
- Send an email to [towncouncil@brunswickme.org](mailto:towncouncil@brunswickme.org) **before 4 pm TODAY** to express your support for the train

There needs to be more positive support for the train. Town Councilors are not hearing that many of us want the train to come to Brunswick and that more trips are better for businesses and residents.

You should express your support today or tonight -- either from a business and/or personal perspective(s).